GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033
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RAIL TELNET PROJECT
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rail-Telnet project has been a flop;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken up to revive the project; and

(d) the other plans to utilise the largest network available with the railways in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) Do not arise.

(d) RailTel Corporation of India Limited(RailTel) has already started the work of laying of optical fibre cable along the Railway track and is in the process of creating a nationwide optical fibre cable backbone. The network will modernise Railways communication system for train control, operation and safety. The surplus telecom capacity will be marketed by RailTel.